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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gajendra D. Savant, Kevin H. Wu & Andrew A. Kostrzewski

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A DIFFUSER MASTER USING A

BLASTING AGENT

Serial Number: Not yet assigned Examiner: Not yet assigned

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Attorney Docket No.: 100.238 Customer No.: 23,907

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to a new U.S. application as identified above. Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

On page 1, please delete "DIFFUSER MASTER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE" and insert --METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A DIFFUSER MASTER USING A BLASTING AGENT.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before the heading "Background of the Invention,"

insert:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/137,398, filed on

August 20, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-16 and 23-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 23-31 have been canceled. In view of the foregoing amendment,

the application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and such action is

respectfully requested. Should there be any remaining questions the attending to of which

would expedite such action, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the

telephone number appearing below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any extension or

additional fees associated with this or any other communication or credit any

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Respectfully submitted.

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